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To: County Superintendents of Schools,
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From: Janet Sterling, Director
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Subject: Second Recertification of the 2002-2003 First Principal Apportionment

The 2002-2003 First Principal Apportionment is being recertified for a second time due to the enactment of SBX1 18 (Chapter 4, First Extraordinary Session). SBX1 18 defers the Second Principal Apportionment (P-2) payment from June 2003 to July 2003 and continues this process in future years. This permanent deferral means that local educational agencies will receive their P-2 payment approximately one week later than they currently do. The payment will still be for the same amount and the same purposes, but it will be allocated one week later than in the past.

To accomplish the payment deferral, the legislation also shifted a portion of current year funds from fiscal year 2002-2003 to 2003-2004. As a result of this shift, reductions to current year appropriations created shortfalls that affect the May payment for five programs. It is a temporary deficiency that will be restored in the P-2 payment made in July. The affected programs are Special Education, Adult Education, Gifted and Talented Education (GATE), Elementary School Intensive Reading Program, and the Categorical Block Grant for charter schools. The second recertified First Principal Apportionment total is \$20,525,918,862. As a result of the second recertification, monthly warrants for May will be adjusted accordingly.

Included with this letter are exhibits that provide the detail of the adjustments. A copy of this letter and many of the exhibits are available on our Web site at

http://www.cde.ca.gov/fiscal/principal_app/apptp1_2003/. These exhibits should be used in place of those received in February and March. Please note that exhibits for the Special Education Apportionment will not be mailed, but can be obtained on the Special Education Web site at www.cde.ca.gov/fiscal/special_ed/.

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Note to County Superintendents: Please advise districts and charter schools of this apportionment as soon as possible by providing them with a copy of this letter and applicable exhibits.

If you have questions, please refer to the Division Staff Contacts for Apportionment Questions located at http://www.cde.ca.gov/fiscal/principal_app/apptp1_2003/ or contact the Office of Principal Apportionment and Audit Resolution at (916) 324-4541 for general questions.